

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, April 27, 2006**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**  
Arthur Blackwell II

##### **Department Personnel Present**

Chief Ella M. Bully-Cummings  
Cmdr. Hope Facen-Berry  
Cmdr. Brian Stair  
Cmdr. Morris Wells  
Cmdr. Gail Wilson-Turner  
Lt. Candace Kailimia  
Sgt. William Gillespie  
Sgt. Karen Fairley  
P.O. Joseph Brown  
P.O. Sophia Nelms  
Atty. Nancy Ninowski

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator  
P.O. Kent Cooper

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ron Scott  
Sandra Hines  
David Grant  
Mrs. Grant

## **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:21 p.m.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the arrival of Comm. Blackwell at 3:26 p.m.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Blackwell** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT**

#### **1. RESOLUTIONS**

Lieutenant Dannie Searcy

**WHEREAS** Dannie Searcy was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on April 26, 1973. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Searcy began his illustrious career with a short stint at the Tactical Mobil Unit and then at the Sixth Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Searcy was also assigned to the Tactical Services Section (TSS) where he was an original member of the "DDOT Blue Birds," a group of officers who rode public transportation to ensure the safety of citizens. He continued this assignment when transferred to the Special Crimes Section/Department of Transportation; and

**WHEREAS** On October 9, 1987, Officer Searcy was promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Tenth Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** On July 24, 1998, Sergeant Searcy was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and assigned to the Tactical Services Section where he

served as the Administrative Lieutenant for five years before transferring to the Western Operations Bureau in the same capacity, and finally to the Operations Portfolio where he served until his retirement on May 19, 2006; and

**WHEREAS** During his 33-year career with the Department, Lieutenant Searcy received numerous letters of commendations from citizens and supervisors and was the recipient of several awards, including a 1980 GOP Commemorative Award, four Chief's Unit Awards, three Chief's Merit Awards, and numerous Perfect Attendance Awards,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledge the dedication and professionalism of Lieutenant Dannie Searcy. His 33 years of loyal service, and outstanding commitment to law enforcement and public service merit our highest regard and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Lieutenant Dannie Searcy.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
APRIL 27, 2006**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
Commissioner

**MOTION:** **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Mr. David Grant

**WHEREAS** Mr. David Grant was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Grant graduated from Wilbur Wright Co-Operative High School (now Murray-Wright High School) where he was an honor student

and participated in its off campus business and leadership programs. After high school, he honorably served in the United States Army and was awarded a Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Vietnam. At the conclusion of his tour of duty, Mr. Grant returned home and continued his education at the Detroit Business Institute (DBI), earning an Associates Degree in Business Administration. He also successfully completed several Journalism classes at Wayne State University; and

**WHEREAS** In 1967, Mr. Grant began what was to become a 39-year relationship with *The Detroit News*. In June 1970, he began working as a police beat reporter assigned to the Detroit Police Headquarters at 1300 Beaubien, and over time observed a variety of changes in the command structure, as well as the rank and file; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Grant covered eleven police administrations during his 36 years at police headquarters, starting with that of Police Commissioner Johannes Spreen through that of former Chief Ike McKinnon, whom he met when he was a police officer working nights in Public Information while attending school, to the current administration of Chief of Police Ella M. Bully-Cummings, whom he met when she was the Executive Officer in Charge of Public Information; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Grant witnessed the start of a new era when the late Mayor Coleman A. Young installed the first Board of Police Commissioners in July 1974. Since that time, he has consistently covered the Commission meetings and can truly be referred to as the unofficial “historian” and guardian of the Board and the Chief; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Grant is an avid traveler and an award-winning reporter, having won several Writing Awards from *The Detroit News* and the *Associated Press*, as well as “Unsung Hero Award(s)” from *The Detroit News*; and

**WHEREAS** When Mr. Grant looks back over his memoirs, he can honestly say that he outlasted 51-*Free Press* reporters and 25-*Detroit News* reporters, and covered just about every aspect of crime in the tri-county area; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Grant is far from the cockeyed young kid from 1970 whose first story – “Can You Hear Me?” – introduced him to crime reporting and began his steadfast and passionate love affair with the police

beat. Even though crime reporting has not lost its allure, today, at 60 plus years, Mr. Grant wistfully states "It's time to hand the note pad and pen to the next reporter to step up to the plate"; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Grant is hanging up his well-traveled shoes. He is retiring from *The Detroit News*, thereby ending his reign on the police beat after 36 years of dedicated and exemplary service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the long and distinguished career of Mr. David D. Grant. We are not only losing a dedicated reporter, but also an honorary member of the family. His integrity and professionalism in refusing to sacrifice quality for sensationalism, merits our highest regards and best wishes for the future.

We thank and congratulate you, Mr. David D. Grant, and hope to see you "on the beat" from time to time.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

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/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
Commissioner

**MOTION:** Comm. Blackwell made the motion to approve the Resolution.

**SECOND:** Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**2. SECRETARY REPORT**

**Exec. Dir. Goss** stated the Board of Police Commissioners office received a notice from Atty. Ninowski regarding P.O. Stanton, she will address this matter now.

**Atty. Ninowski** stated the department had filed a petition to suspend P.O. Stanton without pay on March 23, 2006. She stated at this time the department respectfully asks that the petition be withdrawn.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked are we talking about Christopher Stanton?

**Atty. Ninowski** stated that's correct.

### **CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED**

|   | <b><u>This Week</u></b> | <b><u>Year to Date</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>2006 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b> | <b>28</b>               | <b>409</b>                 |
| <b>2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:</b> | <b>28</b>               | <b>421</b>                 |

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of **11** cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted **1** case to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned **3** cases to OCI.

#### **4. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE**

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*



### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

During the period of April 17, 2006 through April 23, 2006, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 21 search warrants and 48 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 23 Felony arrests
  - 91 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 33 Juveniles detained
  - 6,779.50 grams of cocaine, 37.7 grams of heroin, and 3,725.50 grams of marijuana, street value:
    - \$2,794,562.00
    - \$109,795.00 in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 12 Handguns

#### **Domestic Violence**

On April 19th, officers of the Southwest District responded to a “Fight” in the 11400 block of Whitcomb. As a result of their investigation, one person was arrested and charged with “Two Counts of Felonious Assault,” “Malicious Destruction of Property,” and “Habitual 2nd.”

#### **Motor City Makeover 2006 Making Detroit Beautiful.**

**Making it last.**

**May 6th, May 13th and May 20th**



— City of Detroit



### **Engaging the Community**

#### **8th Candle Light Vigil**

Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien  
Detroit, Michigan 48226  
@7:00 a.m.  
**May 3rd**

#### **Special points of interest:**

##### **• Next meeting:**

Thursday, May 4, 2006

@3:00 P.M.

##### **Detroit Police Headquarters**

1300 Beaubien

Detroit, Michigan 48226

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### Eastern District

On Tuesday April 18th through April 20th, the Eastern District Community Relations Officers, along with the assistance from a city authorized towing company in the community that towed over 60 vehicles in the past two weeks in the efforts to keeping the city clean. Thanks to everyone involved, it has been a success.

### Northeastern District

On April 21st, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the area of 8 Mile & Dequindre on an "Armed Robbery/Carjacking." The officers received information and a description of an individual suspected of armed robbery. On April 22nd, an individual was arrested and upon further investigation, the individual was charged with "Carjacking," "Robbery Armed," "Unlawfully Driving Away an Automobile," "Receiving and Concealing Stolen Motor Vehicle," "Felony Firearm," and "Motor Vehicle Advisory."

### Southwestern District

On Saturday, April 22nd, the Southwestern District and the Community Service Unit sponsored the "Anti-Crime Walk," bringing more than 200 people in attendance. Thank you to everyone who were involved that made this day a success.

### Western District

On April 18th, officers of the Western District responded to the 8500 block of West 8 Mile on a "Shooting." The officers received information and a description of an individual suspected in the shooting. On April 19th, an individual was arrested and upon further investigation, the individual was charged with "Assault with Intent to Murder," "Assault with Intent to do Great Bodily Harm," "Felonious Assault," and "Felony



### Central District

On April 18th, officers of the Central District responded to the 6000 block of 15th street on a "Shooting." Officers observed an individual with a handgun. The handgun was confiscated. Subsequent to an investigation, the individual was charged with "Carrying a Concealed Weapon."



### Incident Response

On April 18th through April 24th, Special Response Team, Tactical Mobile and Traffic Enforcement officers worked together in a combined effort in the Eastern District. As a result of their efforts, eight (8) individuals were arrested and charged with "Violation of a Control Substance Act," "Felony Warrant," "Fugitive Felony Warrant," "Home Invasion," "Arson," "Possession of Narcotics," and "Armed Robbery/Unlawfully Driving an Automobile." Confiscated was an Assault Rifle.



**Chairperson Ramirez** stated the Board will proceed with the presentation, then the Standing Committee.

##### **5. DPD PRESENTATION/REPORT –POLICE MEDICAL**

**Chief Bully-Cummings** introduced Personnel Director Ducker, Cmdr. Facen-Berry, and Lt. Kailimai.

**Lt. Kailimai** presented information on Police Medical.

**(SEE ATTACHMENTS)**

The following exchange occurred regarding the presentation:

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked are those evaluations of police officers?

**Lt. Kailimai** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked are you talking about the police officers and not prisoners.

**Lt. Kailimai** stated yes.

**Comm. Holley** asked are you talking about all police personnel?

**Lt. Kailimai** stated all sworn and appointed personnel.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked what about the statistics of drug screening?

**Lt. Kailimai** stated she has a section on that.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked where are the police officers who did not pass their drug screening.

**Lt. Kailimai** stated she believes they are suspended, and it depends on what they are suspended for. She will get back to the Board with an answer.

**Comm. Holley** asked what is it costing the department to have a relationship with Detroit Medical Center (DMC) and asked is she only talking about psychological.

**Lt. Kailimai** stated she is talking about medical.

**Comm. Holley** asked what rate is the department paying them for their services?

**Cmdr. Facen-Berry** stated we are working with DMC on a program called Preferred Provider Discount. The current contract is held by the City of Detroit Risk Management.

**Comm. Holley** asked are you receiving cooperation from them.

**Cmdr. Facen-Berry** stated yes, sir.

**Comm. Holley** stated once we get the politics out of it, we can get the price down.

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Comm. Blackwell** referenced the Mayor's recommended budget for 2006/2007 and highlighted the differences from the 2005/2006 budget. Every fiscal year the Board of Police Commissioners (BPC) reviews the budgets of the BPC and the Police. He supports the recommendation, which is consistent with the budget from the Mayor. For the fiscal year of 2006/2007, the Mayor is recommending a police budget of \$414,214,798, which is a decrease from the 2004/2005 budget of about \$60 million dollars. It is an increase over last year when the budget was radically cut by the City Council. The key figure is the total number of positions from last year, which were 3,574 positions in the department, which increased to 3,641 positions. The adopted budget by City Council, after the veto and the overrides, was \$367,140,000. The largest increase of that is salaries with the union's agreements. He stated whenever the salaries are increased there is a corresponding increase of fringe benefits also set by a ratio. The total salary for the 2006/2007 budget is \$203,202,274, and the employee benefits are \$31 million. The BPC's request is for 28 positions with a reduction of one sergeant position from last year. The budget for 2006/2007 is \$2,481,921, a substantial reduction from 2005/2006 which was \$3.2 million. He recommended that the Board adopt the recommended budget for 2006/2007 of \$414,214,798.

**Comm. Holley** asked for a synopsis of how this will affect the personnel of the department.

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated the bottom line budget doesn't decrease the department personnel. The department needs to do a presentation for the Board because, since 1987 until now the department has lost two thousand members. The difference between this budget and prior budgets is that the department had full time equivalents (FTE) positions. They may have had 4,500 positions, but only 3,500 were funded. What has been submitted this year is a real budget, the actual FTE's are being funded for this budget and that's how the department is able to recall 30 police officers.

**Comm. Holley** stated when you were doing the restructuring, it was based on the FTE's (sic).

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated yes, they knew going forward they would be a smaller department.

**Comm. Holley** stated Comm. Blackwell announced last week there will be one hundred officers called back. Are those one hundred officers taking the place of the people who are leaving or will they be additional personnel?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated we would recall them based on attrition. As people retire or resign the department, we will be able to recall about one hundred officers between now and the end of the fiscal year.

**Comm. Holley** asked will you recall the entire one hundred officers?

**Chief Bully-Cummings** stated whatever vacancies we have as a result of the attrition. She stated it could be more than one hundred, because we have 150 officers and 91 student police officers laid off.

**MOTION:** **Comm. Blackwell** made the motion to approve the Budget.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she would turn the rest of the meeting over to Vice-Chairperson Holley.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **8. OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, May 4, 2006 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Police Headquarters  
1300 Beaubien, Rm. 328-A  
Detroit, MI 48226

## **10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no oral communications from the audience.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**